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PRESS CURBING MOVEMENT.

There is general discussion of sensational or "yellow" journalism in the leading magazines at present. The Atlantic Monthly announces a series of articles by representative men on the decline of the influence of the newspaper press. "By that decline," a correspondent of a mainland paper truly remarks, "every decent newspaper suffers for the sins of unworthy competitors." Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania, writing in the North American Review, offers the remedy of extending the doctrine of responsibility which applies to individuals, companies, societies and corporations to the newspapers. What more in this line he wants than the law of libel in every jurisdiction of the land is hard to imagine.

Many attempts to control the newspapers by law have been subversive of the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press. Others have been ridiculous, like the recent Pennsylvania and California laws prohibiting cartoons of public men. A disposition to deal fairly with the press in such legislation has also been lacking. For instance, but few legislatures where it has been submitted have adopted the perfectly just proposition that persons suing newspapers for libel should be held responsible for the expenses of the defense in the event of proof that the prosecution arose from malicious or corrupt motives. Every newspaper publisher of any length of experience has been the victim of libel suits brought to bluff the public by persons whose misdeeds or derelictions of duty have been exposed by the defendant journals.

Where to draw the line between legitimate enterprise in giving the news that the average citizen wants and yellow journalism is the rub. As the former increases the latter will decrease. It is a matter of cultural evolution. Interference by legislation will either be quite abortive or produce a reactionary trend of public opinion that will eventuate in a greater usurpation than ever of license over liberty. Indeed, it may be open to suspicion if the present movement to curb journalism is not bred of sore spots upon the cuticle of malefactors in the magnate class. At all events it is significantly timed with the recrudescence of exposure of public robbers fortified behind great wealth. Possibly some of the would-be reformers of the newspapers will class as yellow journalism the sweeping indictment just brought by the New York Sun against the financiers whose hands it says have been dirtied with the money derived from the sugar trust frauds.

Honolulu can hardly attempt to vie with the big mainland cities in the marked distinction they have accorded to the Japanese commercial tourists. Yet possibly our mercantile bodies may be able to give Baron Shibusawa and his companions as really enjoyable a time during their brief stay as they have received anywhere. Their visit to the scene of Japan's first industrial and commercial colonization in foreign countries will, from the circumstance just stated to which Census Commissioner Clark the other day called attention, alone be eventful.

PATRIOTISM WRONGLY INVOKED.

It remains to be shown how the temporary suspension of the coastwise law will retard the cause of a ship subsidy. Suspension would rather promise to be a valuable experiment to show, in its statistical data, just what America is losing from lack of ships and what this American Territory is losing from lack of passenger transportation facilities between here and the Pacific Coast. The claim of a monopoly of patriotism by those who cry subsidy or nothing is really beneath respect. Patriotism, according to a cynical English statesman, is the last refuge of a scoundrel. In the present instance patriotism seems to be the chief ingredient of special pleading on behalf of transportation companies that could not meet the conditions of a subsidy law, if one took effect today, for a year and a day to come.

If an American syndicate get the job, as reported probable, of double-tracking the Transiberian railway, there will be an exhibition of hustling upon the dreary steppes which will do more to awaken Russia than the nihilistic propaganda can effect in half a century.

ROOM VERSUS ORNAMENT.

Hawaii is not alone in having a school problem to solve. New York City is about to expend ten million dollars on school accommodation. This Territory in general, and Honolulu in particular, ought to heed the lesson contained in criticism that has been passed upon the policy of New York, as well as of other cities, whereby room for pupils has been sacrificed to architectural display. It is an evil not altogether unknown here. Some large and greatly needed school houses in our towns have in the past been delayed in construction, or subjected to a cutting of dimensions, owing to extravagance in the original plans.

General Leonard Wood's proposal to advance the age of promotion above captain rank in the army by an average of at least ten years ought to be a good thing. It should not hurt the old duffers who have grown weary in waiting for just advancement, as their hoping against hope will be happily ended by honorable retirement with enhanced rank where earned. It will certainly be a stimulus to all the younger officers in the service, making them ambitious to excel in duty and efficiency in inverse ratio to the time allotted for active incumbency.

It is well that the tariff insurgents are "hopeful." The tariff will never be settled until it is settled right. That will probably not be until an independent tariff commission, with plenary powers of investigation, be appointed to handle it. There is no question of the doctrine of protection involved, but the people at large will not always stand for a tariff that has been framed under the dictation and for the particular benefit of the trusts.

When Governor General Forbes has concluded the investigation, left by his predecessor to perform, of corruption alleged to have been rampant in the Philippine general elections, it may be found that the home rule sentiment of the Filipinos shown in the returns will stand material discounting. If the corruptionists be made to suffer the

penalties, one wholesome lesson in self-government will have been imparted to the electorate. The home rulers will get what they want sooner the more they make their conduct jibe with American law.

Commercial News

BY L. D. TIMMONS

Friday, shorn of heavy mails or other distracting circumstances, is usually a day of considerable trading and correspondingly strong prices on the Stock Exchange. Precedent was overtopped today, however, at every point, the demand for stock of almost every name being extraordinary and prices bullish in the extreme. That the advance will continue is not likely; but it is equally unlikely that there will be any falling back of prices so long as the present altogether promising conditions continue.

The story of street sales and Exchange business since yesterday, if detailed, would read like a boom tale; whereas, however, there is no boom to it. It is merely an adjustment of prices in consonance with responsible estimates of values. Many stocks have been too low for months and they are now merely coming into their own.

When the session opened this morning the sale of 25 shares of Wai'alea at 124 was reported. This was the signal for an advance upon that stock, and the same was freely bid for more. None was to be had, however, holders insisting upon \$126.

Pioneer also took to the air. Between boards 25 and 25 shares sold at \$191. It was plain that the spell had been broken. Ten shares were then sold at \$192.50 and the stampede was on. At the close \$193 was being offered, but holders, independent and enthusiastic, were demanding \$200.

Oahu also made another dash for its rightful position, 50 and 20 shares finding buyers on 'Change at \$33. At the close of the session the same was bid for more, but holders were asking \$33.125.

Hawaiian Commercial was another stock that came up extraordinarily strong, 10 shares selling at \$37.75. At the close the same was asked, but bidding had shaded to \$37.625.

Still another show of strength was in Honolulu, 25, 25 and 50 shares going at \$20. At the close \$19.875 was bid and \$20 still asked.

Olaa sold readily at \$6.25, 35, 50, 50, 125, 110 and 75 shares finding buyers between boards and 5 and 10 on 'Change at that figure. At the close the same was being asked, with \$6.125 bid.

McBryde sold at \$6.50, 20, 100, 200 and 500 shares changing hands. At the close the same was still bid, \$6.375 being bid.

Ewa was very strong and in demand, 400, 20, 200, 25 and 35 shares selling at \$21.75. The same was offered for more, but \$22 was asked.

Hutchinson again appeared, 10 shares selling at \$17.25. For the stock the same was bid, but \$17.50 was asked.

Hawaiian Pineapple was also on the upgrade, 10 and 100 shares selling at \$29.25, more being on the market, however, at the same.

Altogether it was a great stock day, and the indications are that the week will end with prices higher than in months before.

The board of directors went down to Wai'alea yesterday in a big automobile and had a thorough look over the estate. This was one of the regular visits of the head men to the plantation. Everything was found to be in excellent shape.

MEETING OF RUBBERMEN.
The annual meeting of the Ha-

waiian Rubber Growers' Association has been appointed to take place in the Chamber of Commerce next Monday, December 6. Growers from Hawaii and Maui and the leading rubber men of this island will be in attendance. The program will be as follows:

Reading of statistics; Hevea or Ceara in Hawaii, intercropping; the rubber situation in Hawaii; rubber and the small farmer; rubber and reforestation; tapping and marketing of rubber.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

At its weekly meeting yesterday afternoon the Promotion Committee heard the report of Acting Secretary Cooper and also listened to the tentative plans of Harold Dillingham, who has been appointed to direct the coming floral parade. The plans of the latter in general were approved. Mr. Lloyd Childs reported from Seattle that the exhibit from Hawaii at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition had been packed and would probably arrive here on the transport Dix. Mr. Bowen suggested that arrangements be made to make a permanent display of the exhibit here. This idea was received with favor and will doubtless be followed out if it is found possible to obtain a suitable place for it.

PAPERS FILED.

The following have been filed for registration up to this afternoon:

N. Kubata, et als, to K. Hirato, et m.

W. E. Shaw to Louisa M. Davis, et al, release.

S. W. M. Hakao to Mrs. Ester K. Baker, deed.

Bank of Hawaii to Farm Cornn, release.

Farm Cornn to Bank of Hawaii, mtg Liliuokalani to A. S. Cleghorn, et al, trust deed.

Aoe Like to Meleana M. Kalawela, bill of sale.

John Nuiwi to E. E. King, mtg.

Bishop & Co., to T. J. Higgins, release.

Ookala Sugar Co. to Kawiki Sugar Co., deed.

Young Hawn. Loan & Savings Co., to James K. Kaulla, release.

PASSING OF OOKALA.

The papers transferring the property of the Ookala Sugar Company to the Kawiki Sugar Company were filed today, being signed by J. M. Dowsett, E. F. Bishop, A. C. Palfrey, Paul Muhlen-dorf, George H. Robertson and James A. Kennedy. The consideration named in the transfer is \$10,000. All the

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Important Notice!

To make sure of having your express or fruit shipments arrive at mainland points for Christmas you should send them to our office in time for forwarding by Mongolia, December 4.

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What Every Woman Knows

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6 feet by 9 feet.....\$4.50 Each.
8 feet by 10 feet.....\$6.75 Each.
9 feet by 12 feet.....\$8.50 Each.

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36 inches by 72 inches.....\$1.75 Each.
4 feet 6 inches by 7 feet 6 inches.....\$3.25 Each.
6 feet by 9 feet.....\$5.25 Each.
8 feet by 10 feet.....\$7.50 Each.
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